

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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Water Pollution Control Authority July 25, 2007

In attendance:

George Biagioni, Chairman
Don Aiello
Paul Francese
Fred Radford, Alternate

Also In Attendance:

Neil Lieberthal, Town Attorney
Joseph Solemene, Assistant W.P.C.A. Administrator

Chairman Biagioni called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES TO PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Motion (Commissioner AIELLO) second (Commissioner FRANCESE) to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2007 meeting as written. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

PROGRESS REPORT:

Joseph Solemene, Assistant W.P.C.A. Administrator, gave the following progress report:

HALF ACRE CONTRACT: Final Paving completed on Arliss Drive, Argus Lane, Doris Street, Mistywood Lane, Natalie Road, Jamestown Road, Pomona Road, Sabina Road, Woodhaven Drive and Woodfield Drive. For the purposes of assessment calculations an additional \$465,000 was included for permanent paving for a total of \$6,564,802.62. The current total completed and stored to date is \$6,508,339.37. Funds remaining for curbing repair, driveway aprons and miscellaneous is \$56,463.25.

FIRST RELEASE: Residents on Mayflower Drive and Old Orchard Lane were the first to receive letters notifying them that their section was released. The mailings informed the residents to make arrangements to connect or apply for an "Extensions of Time to Connect" within 90 days.

DANIELS FARM ROAD: Seven crews – three mainline, two lateral and two drilling rigs made good progress on Daniels Farm Road this month.

MAIN LINE CREW ONE: The manhole at the intersection of Aldo Drive was in place and construction of the 8" mainline continued north past Hedgehog Road to Inca Drive completing this section of Daniels Farm Road.

WATER MAIN BREAKS: Disrupted water service was a problem on Daniels Farm Road. In advance of crossing the watercourse on Hedgehog Road, relocating a fire hydrant in conflict with the easement was necessary. Hydrants are equipped with shut-offs to eliminate flooding if disturbed. The shut-off connected to this hydrant started to leak as soon as it was removed. The water main including the Stern Village housing complex, had to be shut down before the hydrant leak could be repaired. This repair took approximately four hours to complete, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unfortunately one hour after water service was restored, Mark IV broke the main! Service to the same area was shut down again, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The bad luck continued, as the water company subcontractor used the wrong equipment to repair the leaking main and shortly after leaving the repair site it started to leak, resulting in low water pressure all night and the need to shut down the area once again in the morning. Many complaints from Stern Village Health Care workers, Fire District – no sprinklers and residents – can't shower, can't flush, help! In all four Daniels Farm Road water main breaks occurred this month.

MAIN LINE CREW TWO: Completed the mainline run from Skytop Drive to Strobel Road, then completed the easement main and laterals on Wordins Lane. Currently working on the interior easement opposite Wordins for Service for 472, 474, 479 & 480.

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MAIN LINE CREW THREE: Started at intersection of Parkwood Road and Firehouse Road, completed Parkwood Road and then returned to Firehouse and completed it. Started on Blackhawk Road.

LATERAL CREW – DANIELS FARM ROAD: Aldo to Hedgehog and Skytop to Strobel, Wordins Lane, and the four house easement, all of Towerview Drive, Towerview Circle and Firehouse Road.

INVOICE APPROVAL:

Mark IV Construction Co., Inc. – Phase IV, Part B, Contract 2 – Invoice #14: \$398,323.34

Mark IV Construction Co., Inc. – Phase IV, Part B, Contract 3 – Invoice #2: \$1,044,060.45

Commissioner Francese, referring to Invoice #2, questioned Item 45 (Stream, River & Culvert Crossing) which is at 200% of the estimated quantity and Item 46 (Core Drilling Existing Sanitary Manholes) which is at 140% of the estimated quantity. Commissioner Francese stressed the Commission's concern that we would be overrunning the bid price for the project. The extra items may be valid, but it is early in the project and we are already seeing items exceeding the estimated quantities. Mr. Solemene will check into those two items and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

- **Motion (Commissioner AIELLO) second (Commissioner FRANCESE) to approve Invoice #14 in the amount of \$398,323.34 and Invoice #2 in the amount of \$1,044,060.45 for payment. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Theresa Scianna, 14 Pumpkin Hill Road

Homeowner's daughter is requesting, on owner's behalf, an adjustment in sewer assessment payments for elderly property owners. This request has been granted only once in the past. A copy of the statute was distributed to the Commissioners. Attorney Lieberthal will research the subject. After some discussion the item was tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance Report

The Commissioners discussed a *Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings*, submitted by the Finance Department, with projected revenue through June 30 and a projected loss of \$294,292 for fiscal year 2006-2007. The Commission was displeased that a representative of the Finance Department was not in attendance to help understand the true balance in the retained earnings account. The Commission will wait until the September meeting when actual revenue and expenses through June 2007 should be posted, to analyze the loss. A *Sewer Use Profile as of July 2007*, submitted by the Tax Collector, shows a total past due amount of \$416,167. The Commissioners questioned if this is a typical past due balance and what is being done to collect the money. Commissioner Francese reminded the Commission that as of May 1 delinquency notices had gone out to those owing \$3,000 or more, for a total past due amount of \$81,000.

The Commission also discussed the list of in-kind charges for fiscal year 2007-2008. The amount is lower than originally submitted by the Finance Department, from \$397,807 to \$371,493, and is an increase of 7.3% over 2006-2007.

There being no other business before the Authority,

- **Motion to adjourn (Commissioner SALVEY) second (Commissioner GONCALVES). Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Francese
Clerk of the Commission